



“This new program provides a strategic opportunity to address some of the most challenging public health problems. By linking environmental and health data on a national level, we will be better equipped to identify problems and effective solutions, thereby reducing the burden of environment-related diseases on the American people.”

--Julie Louise Gerberding, MD, MPH,
Director Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



NEVADA EPHTS PROGRAM

“Linking:

Hazards, Exposures & Health Effects”

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Nevada Environmental Public Health Tracking System (NEPHTS)

Linking: Hazards, Exposures & Health Effects

*Closing the Environmental
Public Health Information Gap*



Environmental Hazard

+ Exposure

Health Outcome

ABOUT NEPHTS...

- Through funding from the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), Nevada began the Environmental Public Health Tracking System in the fall of 2002.
- Nevada is one of the first 20 states in the nation to receive CDC funding for the Environmental Public Health Tracking System in order to collect, integrate, analyze, report, and represent data.
- NEPHTS is the ongoing collection, integration, analysis, interpretation and dissemination of data on environmental hazards, exposures to those hazards, and related health effects.
- The mission of the NEPHTS is to improve the health of Nevada communities and provide information that can be used to plan, apply, and evaluate actions to prevent and control environmentally related diseases.
- NEPHTS will be able to link specific environmental exposures to negative health outcomes such as asthma, birth defects, and other chronic diseases that affect communities in Nevada.



WHO IS INVOLVED?

- The Nevada State Health Division has collaborated with the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, Department of Information Technology (DoIT), Department of Agriculture and the Nevada Indian Commission to develop a technical leadership team to head the NEPHTS program.
- Additionally, the NEPHTS leadership team has established a Planning Consortium of community health and environmental agencies within the State of Nevada. The purpose of the Consortium is to develop community partnerships and receive feedback from organizations that will one day share information with the Nevada EPHTS program and with the National program in the future.

HOW YOU CAN HELP?

- Part of the NEPHTS project is to assess all environmental and health data tracking mechanisms that exist among state, local, tribal, and private organizations in Nevada.
- Through a multi-part survey, the NEPHTS program will effectively assess Nevada's data tracking capability for future linking possibilities.
- If you are from an environmental, or health agency in Nevada with knowledge of a database with relevant exposure or health outcome information please contact the NEPHTS program either by phone or through our website:

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